

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The rejections presented in the Office Action dated July 13, 2007 (hereinafter Office Action) have been considered, and reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance of the application in view of the present response is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability for Claims 5-9 and 14-18. Consistent with the discussion on page five of the Office Action, independent Claims 1, 10, 19 and 20 have been amended to include limitations indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. Support for these changes may be found in the Specification at paragraph [0030] and in original and allowable Claims 5 and 14; therefore these changes do not introduce new matter. In view of these changes and the indication of allowable subject matter, each of Claims 1-5, 8-14 and 17-21 is believed to be patentable over the asserted combinations of references.

In addition, new Claims 22-27 also include limitations indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter at page five of the Office Action. Support for these changes may be found in the Specification at paragraph [0031] and in original and allowable Claims 6 and 15; therefore these changes do not introduce new matter. In view of these changes and the indication of allowable subject matter, each of Claims 6, 7, 15, 16 and 22-27 is also believed to be patentable over the asserted combinations of references.

Thus, based upon the Examiner's acknowledgement that limitations now included in each of the pending claims are not found in the asserted references, either alone or in combination, each of the prior art rejections would be improper. Applicant accordingly requests that each of the § 103(a) rejections be withdrawn.

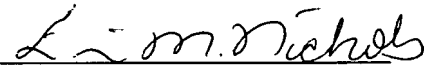
In addition, it should be noted that Applicant does not acquiesce to the Examiner's statements or conclusions concerning what would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, obvious design choices, common knowledge at the time of Applicant's invention, officially noticed facts, and the like. Applicant reserves the right to address in detail the Examiner's characterizations, conclusions, and rejections in future prosecution.

Authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3581 (KOLS.094PA) any necessary fees for this filing. If the Examiner believes it necessary or helpful, the undersigned attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss any issues related to this case.

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